



## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

]Docket No. CP15-95-000]

### Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Application

Take notice that on February 20, 2015, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) 5151 San Felipe, Suite 2500, Houston, Texas 77056, filed an application pursuant to sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations seeking authorization to replace approximately 34 miles of existing 20-inch diameter pipeline with like size pipeline in Greene, Washington, and Allegheny counties, Pennsylvania, and install necessary appurtenant facilities associated with the replacement pipeline (Tri-County Project), all as more fully described in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Tyler R. Brown, Senior Counsel, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, 5151 San Felipe Suite 2500,

Houston, TX 77056, or call (713) 386-3797.

On May 27, 2014, Commission staff granted Columbia's request to use the pre-filing process and assigned Docket No. PF14-11-000 to staff activities involving the Tri-County Project. Now, as of the filing of this application on February 20, 2015, the NEPA Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP15-95-000 as noted in the caption of this Notice.

Specifically, Columbia will replace pipe in three segments. Segment 1 begins at Columbia's Hero-Jollytown regulator station in Greene County, and continues 15 miles north to Columbia's existing Waynesburg Compressor Station. Segment 2 begins at a point near Columbia's existing Redd Farm Compressor Station<sup>4</sup> in Washington County, and continues approximately 11 miles in a northerly direction to the existing Sharp Farm station. Segment 3 begins at Columbia's Sharp Farm station, and continues 12 miles north to the terminus of Line 1570 where it intersects with 20-inch Line 1485 in Allegheny County. Columbia states that the total cost of the replacement project is approximately 136 million dollars. Additionally, Columbia is requesting a pre-determination for rolled-in rate treatment since the primary purpose of the Tri-County

Project is to replace existing bare steel pipeline due to the age and condition of the facilities.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under

the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 7 copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commentators will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commentators will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all

other parties. However, the non-party commentators will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the “eFiling” link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Comment Date: March 25, 2015.

Dated: March 4, 2015.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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